

Biographies of Deputy Chief Judges and New Presiding Judges with the Circuit Court of Cook County

DEPUTY CHIEFS

Judge Reddick

Judge Reddick is the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, having previously served in the Criminal, Child Protection and Traffic Divisions. She also serves on the Judicial Education Committee by Illinois Supreme Court appointment, where she trains new judges in the subjects of Guilty Pleas and Ethics, and serves as Course Supervisor for courses on the Professional Responsibility Track. She has served a three-year term as a Commissioner on the Illinois Courts Commission. She also has taught at area law schools for more than 25 years. Before becoming a judge, she served for 20 years with the Cook County Public Defender's Office. She earned her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her law degree from University of Cincinnati College of Law.

"I look forward to serving the Circuit Court of Cook County in the new position as Deputy Chief of Criminal Operations, and I thank Judge Beach for this additional opportunity to serve," Judge Reddick said.

Judge Barrett

Judge Barrett serves in the Law Division, where he presides over catastrophic injury and complex litigation matters. He was elected to the judiciary in 2018. Prior to his Law Division service, Judge Barrett was assigned as a supervising judge in the 6th Municipal District. Before coming to the bench, Judge Barrett worked in private practice, primarily at the firm of Barrett & Sramek, focusing on personal injury, workers' compensation and wrongful death cases. He is a judicial education faculty member and instructs statewide judges regarding civil dispositive motions. He is a Past President of the Southwest Bar Association and has served on judicial evaluation committees for multiple bar associations, including the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Coalition of Suburban Bar Associations. He also served on the Cook County Committee on the Courts in the 21st Century to recommend improvements to the courts' technological infrastructure. He earned his law degree from the Loyola University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa.

"I am humbled by the confidence Chief Judge Beach has placed in me and look forward to working with the judiciary in my role as Deputy Chief Judge of Civil Operations. I thank Chief Judge Beach for this opportunity to serve the Cook County courts."

Judge Marubio

Before becoming Deputy Chief Judge, Judge Marubio served as Presiding Judge of the Pretrial Division, where she was instrumental in facilitating the Pretrial Fairness Act. Judge Marubio joined the Circuit Court in 2016 and was first assigned to the First Municipal and Domestic Relations Division. She was an original member of the Pretrial Division (created in 2017) and then became a Supervising Judge (2021). She is a double alumna of DePaul University, receiving both an undergraduate and a law degree from the Chicago institution. She continues her commitment to legal education as an adjunct professor at DePaul University College of Law.

“As Deputy Chief Judge of First Appearance Court Operation, I welcome the responsibility of refining our pretrial practices to ensure they are rooted in fairness, equity and public safety,” Judge Marubio said. She also said it was an “honor” to serve in her other new role as Presiding Judge of the Second Municipal District.

PRESIDING JUDGES

Starting Jan. 5, four judges assume new presiding judge appointments. They are Judge Marubio, Second Municipal District; the Hon. Michael T. Mullen, Chancery Division; the Hon. Susana L. Ortiz, Pretrial Division; and the Hon. Tom S. Sianis, First Municipal District.

Judge Marubio

See previous biography.

Judge Mullen

Following his 2012 election, Judge Mullen has been assigned to the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, where he hears a wide variety of civil cases that require interpretation of contracts, statutes and insurance policies. Before coming to the bench, Judge Mullen was in private practice for 20 years as a personal injury attorney. He had previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he was Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division. He received his undergraduate degree at Marquette University and his J.D. degree at Loyola University.

Judge Ortiz

Judge Ortiz became a member of the judiciary in 2016. She was first assigned to the Sixth Municipal District in Markham, where she handled Domestic Violence and Civil Order of

Protection cases and a felony trial call. She was then assigned to the Pretrial Division, where she became a supervising/deputy presiding judge. Before coming to the bench, she was a criminal defense attorney and then served as a staff attorney at the Law Offices of IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. She has experience in handling felony trials, including four death penalty cases. She is an active member of several bar associations, including serving as past president of the Illinois Latino Judges Association, past president of the Women's Criminal Defense Bar Association and former chair and vice-chair of the Criminal Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. She received her law degree from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and her undergraduate degree from Governors State University.

Judge Sianis

Judge Sianis was elected to the Circuit Court in 2018 and served in both the Traffic Division and the First Municipal Division, becoming a Supervising Judge in Traffic. Before coming to the bench, Judge Sianis was the Enforcement Division Chief at the Illinois Securities Department, and was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. He started his legal career at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and was lead prosecutor for the Cook County Environmental Protection Agency. Judge Sianis received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University and his law degree from the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.